

# **MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

## **INFORMATION SUMMARY... *for your review***

**DATE:**

October 28, 2003

**SUBJECT:**

Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Town of Buckeye Festival Ranch Water Reclamation Facility

**SUMMARY:**

The Town of Buckeye has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to include the Festival Ranch Water Reclamation Facility with an ultimate capacity of 4.0 million gallons per day. Reclaimed water from the facility would be disposed through reuse, recharge and a discharge to Wagner Wash through an Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit. The City of Surprise and Maricopa County unincorporated area are within three miles of the project, and both have indicated they do not object to the proposed facility. Please refer to attached Executive Summary and Clean Water Act Section 208 Checklist for the draft 208 Plan Amendment.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

A public hearing on the Draft MAG 208 Plan Amendment was held on October 16, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. No public comments on the amendment were received.

**PROS & CONS:**

PROS: Approval of the 208 Plan Amendment for the Town of Buckeye Facility would make the facility consistent with the MAG 208 Plan. The MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan is the key guiding document used by Maricopa County and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality in granting permits for wastewater treatment systems in the MAG region.

CONS: Currently, there do not appear to be any negative impacts associated with the approval of the 208 Plan Amendment.

**TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

TECHNICAL: The proposed Festival Ranch facility is needed to accommodate growth in the Buckeye Wastewater Planning Area.

POLICY: The MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan is the key guiding document used by Maricopa County and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality in granting permits for wastewater treatment systems in the MAG region. Approval of the facility would enable the facility to be deemed consistent with the MAG 208 Plan. Consistency is necessary for permit approvals.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

Recommend approval of the Draft MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Town of Buckeye Festival Ranch Water Reclamation Facility.

**PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

Water Quality Advisory Committee: On October 16, 2003, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee conducted a public hearing on the Draft 208 Amendment for the Town of Buckeye Festival Ranch Water Reclamation Facility. Immediately following the hearing, the Committee unanimously recommended approval of the Draft 208 Plan Amendment to the MAG Management Committee.

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Roger Klingler, Scottsdale, Chairman  
\*Avondale: Esmeralda Avila  
#Chandler: Doug Toy for  
Jacqueline Strong  
#Gilbert: Lonnie Frost  
Glendale: Larry Brotman for  
Chris Ochs  
\*Goodyear: Joel Wade  
\*Mesa: Bill Haney  
Peoria: Steven Bontrager

Phoenix: Robert Hollander  
\*Surprise: Rich Williams  
\*Tempe: David McNeil  
Maricopa County: Dale Bodiya for  
John Power  
\*Pinnacle West Capital: John Boyer  
\*Salt River Project: Ray Hedrick  
U of A Cooperative Extension:  
Patrick Clay  
Citizen Representative: Eugene Jensen

\*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

#Attended by videoconference or by telephone conference call.

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